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SGA Legislative Action Committee
considers representation reformBy Mike Pennington
Staff Writer

The Legislative Action Committee (LAC) met Feb. 14 to discuss reforming the SGA representation.

SGA currently has 46 representatives, 14 of which are residence hall presidents. The LAC is proposing to drop the number of RHA representatives to three and add representatives for minority students, international students, non-traditional students and each college within the university. Adding the proposed representatives would keep the number of representatives at 46.

The LAC invited the Residence Hall Association and Student Court, along with minorities, non-traditional, and international students to discuss the proposal at

the meeting.

RHA president Matt Unger voiced strong disapproval of the proposal.

"If we cut RHA representation other areas should be cut as well," said Unger.

"The reason we're trying to reconstitute is because we're trying to get a better representation of the RHA," said LAC chairperson Lora Pignat.

Many of those in attendance said they felt there is currently too much double representation within SGA, and a change would be welcomed. Most said they agree minorities, international students and non-traditional students needed greater representation within SGA.

Student Court Representative Tracy Reeves said, "I can't see a

problem with adding one seat to represent minority students."

SGA president Chando Mapoma said reforming representation is an issue that has been discussed for the past few years.

"SGA doesn't want to cut RHA representation completely. We just want to see more equal representation for all students," said Mapoma.

According to Mapoma, before any changes can be made to the Constitution, SGA must vote to put it on the ballot so the students can decide what they want.

Pignat said she planned to present the proposal to committee chairs the following Monday and the University administration must then be consulted before any changes could be made.

'We are known for presenting good programs'

RHA representatives host KACURH

By Mark McGhee
Staff Writer

Last weekend was the wrong time to sneak up the key of beer you saved for or plan a sleep over with your special someone. More than 200 extra residence hall assistants were on campus to attend the state conference of the Kentucky Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls (KACURH).

The conference, attended by nine state colleges, put an end to a year's preparation by the Morehead State Residence Hall Association (RHA).

Morehead received the bid to host the conference during last year's KACURH conference at Eastern Kentucky University.

Lora Hardwick, director of Mignon Tower and Advisor to RHA, said, "The conference was a

success and I am very proud of the effort put out by RHA in putting the thing together." Hardwick is currently part of the SGA.

After arriving Friday afternoon, school representatives spent most of the evening participating in ice breakers and listening to a concert by musical group "Men at Ease." See KACURH, page 2



Photo by Lynn Wells

Cora Dunsmore exhibited her collection of artifacts Feb. 15 in the Claypool-Young Art Building as part of Black History Month.

Black History
Month brings
artefact exhibitBy Kevin Lindsay
Staff Writer

Cora Dunsmore says she has a passion for collecting artifacts of Black history. As part of Black History Month, she came to Morehead State University on Feb. 15 to share that passion.

Dunsmore says some of her collectibles date back as far as the early nineteenth century. Dunsmore collects artifacts from eight categories: toys, postcards, slave documents, kitchen collections, books, portraits, trade cards and stamps. Many of her collectibles are family heirlooms resulting from her family's antique business in Gallipolis, Ohio.

Dunsmore has been collecting antiques for eight years. During that time, she says she has collected between four and five thousand pieces. She says she finds most of her collectibles at auctions, flea markets, dealers and antique shops.

Dunsmore says most of the things she collects were originally created to sell a product or to promote a negative stereotype of the black person.

For example, Aunt Jemima syrup pitchers, salt and pepper shakers and cruet sets were used to promote a negative stereotype of the black person. See EXHIBIT, page 3

They're not here just to play basketball

Fick stresses academics with Eagle athletes

By Crystal Schelle
Staff Writer

Men who believe they're only in college to play ball need not apply. For Eagles Head Basketball Coach Dick Fick academics are a priority and winning is the icing on the cake.

Watching Fick work in his office, basketball fans might conclude he is not the same man they saw at last night's game. He has the same salt-and-pepper hair, the same black moustache. What is missing is the loosened tie, sweat-soaked collar and red-faced bellows that have become his trademark game gear. Instead, he sports a blue wind suit and a cool demeanor.

Fick has been the Eagles' coach since June 1991. He said he came to Morehead because he had the opportunity to be head coach and was familiar with the basketball program at MSU. Fick said MSU is in a prime location for a good basketball program since Kentucky is a big basketball state.

Fick, 40, is a native of Joliet, Ill. He attended Georgia Tech, where he played basketball, and Lewis University in Chicago, where he played basketball. Along the way, he earned a degree in English.

Fick said he considers himself a teacher who just happens to coach. He said college basketball coach influenced him to become a coach

"because of what he did for me as a student athlete."

Fick said he realized in his junior or senior year in college how important a coach was to his personal development. He said considers coaching something important.

"Even on my worst nights," Fick said, "I always have a feeling of self-worth because I have helped someone else gain a little self-worth."

Fick said he became a coach because he enjoys competition and watching young people grow. He said coaching also gives him the opportunity to deal with the same set of students on a daily basis, which he couldn't do when he was a high school English teacher. There, he got a new set of 30 kids every year.

Being a coach has made Fick a household word in the Morehead area. Jim Valvano, an ESPN sportscaster and a former North Carolina State coach, recently invented the "Dick Fick Award." The award is presented to any coach who seems to get totally enmeshed with the game. Fick said Valvano used his name as the award title because of a game against University of Kentucky game when Fick just laid down on the court because he was upset with and official's call.

"I didn't think it was that notable," Fick said.

Fick said he was concerned at first that Valvano might not use the award in good taste. In the long run, Fick said, the award has been a positive experience for MSU. He said the Eagles are now getting a lot of positive recognition because of the award.

"I will probably sit down someday and have a few laughs," Fick said, referring to the Dick Fick Award.

Fick said he plans to build a model basketball team with model players. He said he has tried to recruit students who could not only play basketball, but were also good in academics and had good social

skills.

"Winning isn't first," Fick said. "Nor the expense of anything else. That's not teaching."

Fick said he feels the players on his team learn that they're not here only to play basketball.

Fick said some of his players are involved with Operation Aetec, a program in which athletes talk to students in junior and senior high schools about staying in school, staying away from drugs and learning good study habits.

Fick said each player is also involved with Make A Difference, in which each player "adopts" a See EXHIBIT, page 2



Photo by Lynn Wells

A fired-up Dick Fick showed MSU fans at Saturday's game against Middle Tennessee State exactly why there is an ESPN "Dick Fick Award."



Photo by Lynn Wells

Head Coach Dick Fick

WEEK OF WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1993

NEWS BREAK

WELL FEST: Morehead State University, St. Claire Medical Center and the Morehead Clinic will present the third annual Well Fest Wed., March 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the second and third floors of ADUC. Cholesterol screening, glucometer testing, vision screening, body fat analysis, blood glucose testing and health-related literature will be available.

CAMPUSERVE: MSU is one of 16 Kentucky colleges and universities participating in a high school tutoring program called CampusServe. Fifteen MSU students will be trained to serve as volunteer peer tutors for "at risk" students from five surrounding counties.

TRIO DAY: MSU will join other national universities in celebrating National TRIO Day on Sat. Feb. 27. MSU sponsors four federally-funded TRIO programs—Educational Opportunity Center, Student Support Services, Talent Search and Upward Bound.

VIDEOCONFERENCE: MSU's Office of Community Services and Office of Non-Traditional Studies will sponsor a videoconference, "Adulthood as Students: Their Status and Role in Higher Education," Thurs. Feb. 25, at 2 p.m. in the Eagle Dining Room, ADUC. For more information call 783-2077.

SPEECH TEAM: The MSU L.E. Team won first place trophies at the Berry College "Miracle in the Mountains" Forensics Tournament, Feb. 19-20 in Rome, Ga. Chad Radloff, Brian Gardner, Rachel Craft and Amy Darnell each won first place in their individual categories.

UPWARD BOUND: Upward Bound is seeking applications for creative, energetic and enthusiastic instructors interested in teaching during the program's summer component, June 7-July 8. Qualified applicants should have a bachelor's degree. For more information, call 783-2611.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT: MSU is seeking nominations for its 1993 Founders Day Award for University Service. Nominations should be submitted in writing to Founders Day Chairperson, Morehead State University, Palmer Development House, Morehead, KY, 40351-1689.

BASKETBALL: Tennessee Tech topped the Eagles Monday nig. 1-01-93. The Lady Eagles lost to Tennessee Tech, 89-73.

MSU Eagles will play in their first game of the OVC tournament at 7 p.m., March 4.

Spring enrollment figures increase

Morehead State University's enrollment for spring 1993 shows an increase of 2.4 percent over the same period last year, according to preliminary figures released by the University's Office of the Registrar.

The headcount figure for this semester is 8,538 students as compared to 8,339 for spring 1992. While overall headcount figures continued to rise, MSU officials also are eager to point out the growth at the three extended campus centers and the Appalachian Graduate Consortium where the total enrollment increased by 17 percent over spring 1992.

"The growth that we are seeing at our off-campus sites only serves

MSU Spring Enrollment

8,339

8,538

2.4% Increase

Spring 1992

Spring 1993

to prove that there is a great hunger for higher education opportunities out in the region," said MSU

Trail Blazer Graphic by Tracy Melton
President Ronald G. Eaglin
"Keeping those opportunities accessible through the extended

campus centers and other sites is an important key to the economic and community development of Eastern Kentucky."

Enrollment at the Licking Valley Extended Campus Center including classes at the East Kentucky Correctional Complex, showed the largest increase (79 percent), with 452 students this semester as compared to 253 in the spring of 1992. "We had to almost double the number of courses offered at the Licking Valley Center, because of the demand for classes there," said Dr. Marc Glasser, dean of Graduate and Extended Campus Programs.



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MSU participates in CampusServe network

Morehead State University is part of a new network of 16 Kentucky colleges and universities known as CampusServe.

The network is a concept involving students in service-learning activities which will enhance their academic experience. The activities are also targeted to improve communities through new community service programs that support the Kentucky Education Reform Act.

As a CampusServe participant, MSU has received a \$2,000 grant from the Council on Higher Education Research and a \$17,600

grant for its MSUServe project.

Through the MSUServe program, 15 MSU students will be trained to serve as volunteer peer tutors for "at risk" students from the five surrounding counties which are partners in the project: Bath, Menifee, Morgan, Rowan and West Carter.

"The program concept is innovative and Morehead State is fortunate to be part of the overall effort," said Dr. Dan Connell, director of MSU's Academic Services Center and Council on Higher Education Liaison. "There will be enormous rewards for all

parties involved in the project," he added.

Coordinator of Destination Graduation and MSUServe said the process of selecting the student volunteers is underway now and MSUServe is expected to be fully operational by mid-March.

Chianetta Younce, Stambaugh graduate student, will assist Weaver with the project.

MSUServe was built on a model established by Destination Graduation, Weaver noted. "Both programs involve peer tutoring/mentoring of students who are at risk. In MSUServe, the

student volunteers will receive at least 10 hours of training as tutor/mentors and are expected to give a total of 700 hours of community service work," Weaver said.

Overseeing the MSU program as an Advisory Council will be former and present tutors of the Destination Graduation Program: Rodney Mitchell, Owsingville graduate student; David Collins, M. Sterling graduate student; Angela Evans, Huntington, W.Va., junior; Amanda Fields, Union junior and Sharon Wiseman, Louisville junior.

KACURCH

Saturday morning, participants chose one-hour sessions from the 27 prepared by both students and advisors from the nine colleges. Session topics ranged from problems facing residence halls to using fun programming to keep students' suitcases in their closets on the weekend.

Morehead RHA, which presented 18 of the 27 sessions, won best program in both the student and the advisor category.

Shannon Huffman and Beth Houshelt won best student

program for a session on safer sex called "Ain't 2 Proud 2 Beg. Safe Sex." "Ten Commandments of Community Living," presented by Shannon Colvin, Kelly Hairston and Jennifer Koch, won the advisor category.

RHA president Matt Unger said, "I wasn't surprised that our programs did well, because we are known for presenting good programs at every conference."

Unger said RHA presidents from each college participated in a roundtable to discuss the need for

better funding of residence hall programs. Unger said Morehead has the highest percentage of students living in residence halls (80%), but funding for MSU residence hall programs is much lower than funding at other state schools.

"We try to provide good programs in Morehead's residence halls but with only \$1,500 for 3,500 residents we can't provide the same kind of quality programs that school with \$20,000 can present," said Unger.

Hardwick said other hot topics were co-ed visitation, residence safety and the right of students to hang unpopular signs or flags in their windows (brought on by last week's Trail Blazer story regarding two MSU residents who were being forced by the administration to remove a Confederate flag from their dorm room window).

Unger said RHA plans to discuss the Confederate flag situation in this week's meeting and work with the administration to resolve the conflict.

FICK

From Front

classroom once a month and reads to the class or eats lunch with the students.

"It shows them they have a responsibility for other people," Fick said.

Fick said as long as he is at MSU, the Eagles are going to be a part of the university and the community.

"The students here have an absolute warmth and they support me," he said. "It is one of the nicest things I have here."

Fick said his first goal for the Eagles is to win. He said he also wants to teach the players on his team to graduate with a feeling of not only "what I did for MSU, but what MSU did for me." Being the best doesn't mean only winning.

Fick said coaching basketball means putting everything you have into the game until you have nothing left. "I know that the effort, teamwork and determination that they (the players) put into the game will stay with them throughout life," he said.

Fick said when it is time for him to retire in about 20 or 30 years, he would love someone to say, "Coach Fick taught the players to be successful and helped them to deal with the problems that come over the next 30 to 40 years of their lives," he said.

And if his name comes up, Fick said he hopes "someone would smile."



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Smokey the Bear and U.S. forest service official, Dave Manner, present a plaque to Eagle Athletic Director, Steve Hamilton, in recognition of his efforts in fire prevention.

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Enthusiastic Eagle fans try to win the free Domino's pizza by showing their spirit at the basketball game Feb. 20 against Middle Tennessee.

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2-14-93
Pitts, Eric L., Male, 19, 322 Butler, Wrong way down a one way street, Citation.

2-15-93
Schauer, Gerald M., Male, 20, Morehead, Ky., Criminal trespassing, 2nd degree Citation.

2-16-93
Raffitt, Ronald G., Male, 18, 303 Myron Tower, No proof of insurance, Citation.

2-17-93
Cooper, Tony, Male, 20, Morehead, Ky., No proof of insurance, Citation.

2-17-93
Mead, Traci L., Female 21, Paintsville Ky., Receiving stolen property, improper registration, Citation.

2-17-93
Pitts, David Allen, Male, 18, Fulton, Ky., Theft by unlawful taking, Arrest.

2-18-93
Conner, Karen Y., Female, 21, 410 Myron Tower, Alcohol into vehicle, Arrest.

2-18-93
Johnson, Charles M., Male, 40, 409 Butler, Receiving stolen property, attempt to elude, resisting arrest, Citation.

2-19-93
Dunbar, Montel Deakwan, Male 19, 408 Butler, Receiving stolen property, attempt to elude, Arrest.

2-19-93
Porter, Marc J., Male, 19, 408 Butler, Receiving stolen property, attempt to elude, Citation.

2-19-93
Justice, Dena Gail, Female, 22, Humphrey No. 2, Unlawful transaction with a minor, Summon.

2-19-93
Kurtz, Vernon M., Male 21, Louisville, Ky., Disregarding a stop sign, Citation.

MSU's IE Team takes first place

The Morehead State University Individual Events Team won first place at the Berry College "Miracle in the Mountains" Forensics Tournament. The tournament was held in Rome, Georgia on Feb. 19-20. There were ten schools at the tournament.

Individual winners were: Amy Darnell who won four first place finishes in the "Miracle in the Mountains" Forensics Tournament, a second place in extemporaneous, a second place in impromptu and three third place finishes in extemporaneous, informative speaking and a duo with Greg Adams.

Rachel Craft won first place in informative, a second place finishes in dramatic interpretation, prose and pantation, fourth place in extemporaneous and a sixth place in poetry reading.

Greg Adams won second place in after dinner speaking, two third place finishes in poetry and his duo with Darnell and three fourth place finishes in prose, pantation and a duo with Caryn Blaw.

Brian Gardner won first place in a duo with Chad Ratliff, first place in extemporaneous, second place in informative and fourth place in poetry reading.

Cassie Rice won second place in poetry, two fifth place finishes in impromptu speaking and in a duo with Dustin Combs and a sixth place finish in dramatic interpretation.

Chad Ratliff won first place in after dinner speaking and fourth place in impromptu.

Corrections

Last week *The Trail Blazer* reported that the Student Government Association will be voting on a proposed SGA activities fee to be added to tuition. According to SGA President Chando Mapoma, the SGA will be voting on a proposed increase in the activities fee which is presently included in tuition. Mapoma said the students will decide if the fee is increased and to which organizations the additional money will be allocated.

Last week *The Trail Blazer* reported that resident advisor Dave Wynn asked two Cooper Hall residents to remove a Confederate flag. Wynn says he told the residents to remove the flag from their window.

dumb, lazy, dark-skinned and poor." Dammons says. Dammons says the purpose of her exhibit is to educate, enhance and project an appreciation of the Black art form, regardless of its originally intended purpose.

MSU sets date for videoconference

"Adults as Students" Their Status and Role in Higher Education" will be the topic for a live, interactive videoconference slated at Morehead State University on Thurs., Feb. 25.

Sponsored by MSU's Community Services and the Office of Non-traditional Students, the videoconference will start at noon and continue to 2 p.m. in the Eagle Dining Room. Adron Doran, University Counselor.

The older, returning student will explore some problems faced by these students and ways colleges can combat some of those problems.

The videoconference will feature panelists who are leading experts in the field of adult learning. They are: Stephen Brookfield, professor, Graduate School, University of S. Thomas; Nancy Schlossberg, senior fellow at the Center for Adult Learning of the American Council on Education, University of Maryland, and Carol Aslanian, director of the Office of Adult Learning Services, The College Board.

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OPINION

Editorial

State officials need to address sewage problems

President Clinton's economic stimulus and deficit reduction package, laid out last week in a nationwide television address, will be a bitter pill for many Americans to swallow. Clinton hopes that increasing revenues, decreasing spending and job-creating "pump-priming" measures will aid the spurring recovery and stop spiraling federal deficits. The theory has received generally favorable reviews, despite the President's backtracking on campaign promises for a middle class tax cut.

While the pundits, policy-makers and politicians polemicize at length on the details of Clinton's plan, it is interesting to note that the approach contains a particularly enticing component for Eastern Kentucky. Part of the president's package calls for public investment in infrastructure projects, things like roads, bridges and wastewater treatment plants. The last item—sewage treatment plants—is something our part of the state sorely needs.

The upper reaches of the Kentucky and Licking Rivers have been plagued for years by inadequate sewage treatment. Aging, poorly-operated wastewater plants and ineffective or non-existent residential septic systems now contaminate our streams and rivers with high levels of disease-causing bacteria, a situation which has resulted in beach closings at Boonesboro almost annually during the past decade.

In addition, nutrients from poorly-treated sewage feed algae growth in our rivers and streams, endangering the Licking and the Kentucky Rivers to flow green during much of the spring and summer. As the algae die and are decomposed by aerobic bacteria, dissolved oxygen in the water is used up. As oxygen levels drop, the insect larvae that serve as a major food source for fish die off, and as levels drop further, fish migrate out of the area, or suffocate.

Hopefully, Clinton's announcement of increased public financing for new wastewater treatment plants sent official scurrying in Frankfort and the Kentucky River Area Development District. Now it is time for Natural Resources Secretary Philip Shepherd and Human Resources Secretary Fontaine Banks to huddle with Eastern Kentucky development officials and devise a master plan for addressing the region's sewage problems.

An integrated approach is needed, something that provides low-income homeowners with cost-share money for installing new septic systems and finances replacement systems for schools and communities now operating ineffective package plants. Representatives from the Department for Health Services and the Division of Water know what's needed, and local officials know what will sell in their region.

An old chestnut from blacksmithing days notes that progress is best made if one "strikes while the iron's hot." If Eastern Kentucky is to realize a bit of the silver lining in the president's dark, cloudy package of tax hikes and spending cuts, the time to strike is now.



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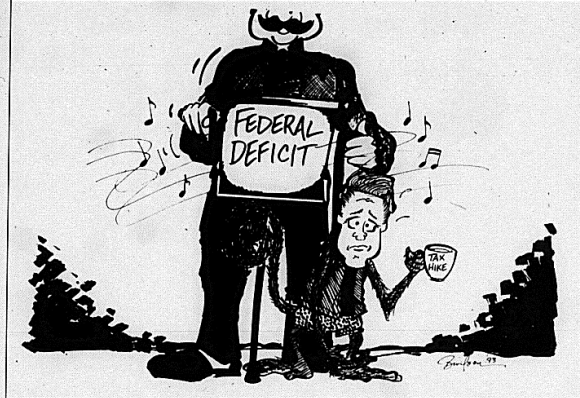
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Letters to the Editor

Gay letter blatantly hypocritical, contradicting

The article, "Why does sexuality matter anyway?" We're all human," in my opinion and others' is terribly misguided. Some homosexuals need to realize that it can be very awkward for some straight people to know they're back naked in the shower with a homosexual. In principle, it would be similar if straight females had to take showers with straight males. There would be tension regardless if they were perverted people or not. Sexual preference does matter in the shower, period!

The author of the article in question, Tim Jillem, says, "What I do in the privacy of my bedroom is

my business -- no one else's." Why then does he go out of his way to say he's gay? He just got finished telling us it's no one else's business. The fact is he could have written an article like he did regardless of his sexual orientation.

Second, it is a fact that it is not always your own business what you do in your own room. Just ask any policeman or even an MSU RA. If the author wants to talk about discrimination, how come homosexual lovers can room together in the dorms, when straight couples can't? Who is facing discrimination here, homosexuals or heterosexuals?

If Jillem believes sexuality doesn't matter, because we're all human, doesn't he contradict himself when he says, "I think all prejudicial heterosexuals should have to live as a known gay for a year?" This is not a beautiful thing; it's blatant hypocrisy. He's making distinctions based on sexual orientation.

Butler Hall

Mr. Moms common at MSU

Seen on the campus of Morehead State University are children: children in tow with not Mom, but Dad. Personally, I feel this is a positive shift in the rules of parenting. Moms also have important

ality, something his article discourages!

Perhaps the author should practice what he preaches. And keep in mind, next time he wants to "throw bombs," he should use proper annotations! (KARLA A. PAVELICH)

Butler Hall

Mr. Moms common at MSU

things to do and with Dad's help, things can be done. Way to go, guys!

LEE A. ADAMS

Morehead

Guest Commentary

Debt reduction a fair exchange for tax increase

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By Mike Esposito
As of late, my Republican friends have been giving me a lot of grief over President Clinton's middle class tax cut. They laugh, saying, "See, Mike, he isn't keeping his campaign promises." What they look over is, while yes, he was unable to make the cut, he is keeping most, if not all, other campaign promises. For instance:
He has cut the White House staff by 25 percent -- as promised.
He has called for a freeze of federal pay increases -- as promised.

His proposal will reduce the federal deficit by \$140 billion -- as promised.
His proposal calls for ending tax incentives for companies that move their businesses to foreign markets -- as promised.
His proposal provides for 100,000 new policemen -- as promised.
This proposal will retain defense industry workers -- as promised.
He calls for \$30 billion investment in a Rebuild America Fund to provide 500,000 jobs by repairing our bridges and infrastructure -- as promised.
"But Mike, he's going to tax us to death!" my Republican friends also say. That isn't so. While yes, taxes will go up, 98 percent of American people will have no

change in their income taxes. Here, briefly as reported by the Lexington Herald-Leader, is his tax proposal:
Seventy percent of all the taxes proposed come from those who make \$100,000 or more.
Clinton plans to increase the tax rate on people making \$180,000 and above, from 31 percent to 36 percent, and a surtax on millionaires.
Those who make \$40,000 or more will pay only \$17 a month in new energy taxes.
Those who make less than \$30,000 a year will pay no new taxes.
According to NBC News, if, as Republicans suggest, we not increase taxes, to get the same amount of deficit reduction that Clinton proposes, every program the government has will have to be

cut 20 percent. If we exempt defense or social security, every other program will have to be cut 30 percent. Talk about that! The line the Republicans use, "It's spending, stupid!" is funny and cute, but unless they come up with specific spending cuts, it is just hot air.
These tax proposals, coupled with the spending cuts, will make a savings of \$495 billion over the next five years. Clinton's economic stimulus package will cost \$190 billion over five years.
So, the bottom line is this: \$305 billion will be taken away from the debt over five years, while at the same time economic growth is promoted -- as promised! All in all, I'd say that is a fair exchange for sacrificing one campaign promise.

Commentary

The Seventies: The decade good taste forgot

By Michelle Goff
If we don't learn the lessons of history, we are doomed to repeat them. Undoubtedly, some of us have not learned the lessons taught to us by the 1970s. The decade of the 1970s is indeed one of the darkest periods of U.S. history. (In fact, a recent poll of historians ranked the 1970s as the worst period in American history. The Civil War came in at a close second.) It is a decade of hell-booms, disco, "The Brady Bunch," "The Gong Show," Village People, Love Train, Shogun, the Boes, "Mork & Mindy," the Pina Colada song, "Charlie's Angels," "Love Boat" and anything else Aaron Spelling was including parent Tori. Why, then, my fellow

Americans, are seemingly otherwise patriotic Americans contributing to a 70s rebirth?
There is no answer, only lame excuses.
One excuse maintains that these retro-ideas are too young to remember the horror of the 1970s. This simply is not true. All one needs to do is watch an episode of either "Style" on CNN or "Fashion Television" on VH1 to see this. "Fashion" designers talking the 70s. They say things like "I wanted to honor the spirit of the 70's" and "We're getting back to the great 70's" and "I've always appreciated the fashion of the 70's." What?

Are they alien? Have they been using cellular phones?
It makes no sense. Since the early 1980s everyone has been poking fun at 1970s fashion, especially bell-bottoms and platform shoes. Suddenly, it's hip to look like the Virginia Slims model circa 1978. What gives? Or more importantly, what's next?
Another 70s "replica" that is making an unfortunate comeback is disco. How many sane persons could listen to that junk in the first place is a mystery of the universe. But when people chose to buy CDs of the crap it is a sign that the end of the world is around the corner and approaching fast.
If we don't stop it now, disco will take over the world. It has been

known to reach epidemic proportions in some states.
But what can we expect when the Queen of Trash, Madonna, shows up in her video wearing 70's "fashion" and discoing? That's a worse influence on the youth of the land than her book could ever be.
To be fair, some good things happened in the 1970s: I was born, Scorsese's directing career took off, Watergate, Roe v. Wade, "Laverne & Shirley," and "Saudary Night Live" to name a few.
But for the most part, the 70s stunk. Those of you who remember, those of you who can read about it and those of you who have seen pictures, let your voice be heard. We will not go back.



The Last Picture Show well worth rental fee

By Michelle Goff

Art/Campus Life Editor
Fans of classic films or people who don't live near a large movie theatre have been especially blessed by the video age. They can watch commercial-free movies anytime they want without paying for cable. All it takes is a VCR and a trip to the local video store.

In this column, video recommendations will be made. Please note that new releases will hardly, if ever, be reviewed.

When it was released in 1971, *The Last Picture Show* created quite a stir with its sexually frank depiction of a small Texas town during the 1950s. Twenty years later it may have lost some of its shock value, but it is easy to see why the film is regarded as a "classic."

The movie opens with a shot of a young man driving a pickup truck into what could pass as a ghost town. The streets of the town are not paved and everything just looks lonely. The boy gets out of the truck and horseplays with another

boy. For the first few minutes of the movie, no one speaks and the black and white filming adds to and creates solitary feelings.

Into the first half hour of the movie, it becomes obvious that there isn't much of a plot. But by that time the realization that the plot here is what has been made. This is a character study. And what a bunch of sad, lonely, messed up characters they are.

Sonny (Timothy Bottoms), a sensitive, sexually repressed teenager, lives in a boarding house and has an affair with his basketball coach's wife.

The coach's pathetic wife (Cloris Leachman) longs for company and happiness and finds it temporarily with Sonny.

Duane (Jeff Bridges), a hoodlacked, sexually repressed teenager, lives in the same boarding house as Sonny and appears to be his best friend. Duane has an obsession with his girlfriend Jacy.

Jacy (Cybil Sheppard) just the kind of girl other girls hate. Every

boy likes her, though, and she knows it. She's cruel, manipulative. And knows how to get whatever she wants.

Jacy's mother (Ellen Burstyn) is the smartest person in town. Yet, like everyone else in town, she's lonely and will get companionship wherever she can find it. She has an affair, which everyone seems to know about, with one of her husband's employees. Memories of Sam, the love of her life, help her survive.

Sam (Ben Johnson) is the town's nicest person. His life has been marred with tragedies but it has not left him bitter. He accepts his fate.

Every actor down to the smallest bit player gives an effortless performance. The characters seem realistic. The sheriff is just what you would imagine a small-town Texas sheriff to be like.

Director Peter Bogdanovich captured the emptiness of the town as well as the empty lives led by the town's inhabitants with great shot selection and a slow pace that

is both painful and wonderful.

In one scene, Sam reminisces about an adventure with Jacy's mother. The camera slowly goes in for a close-up and stops as Sam relates the bitersweet tale. As Sam finishes, the camera pulls back. Sam and the audience are part of reality again.

The contrast between Jacy's mother and the waitress illustrates the differences and similarities between two people. They once were neighbors above a bar. By the time they reach their forties, one's stinging lash while the other is living a life of ease.

The waitress has no hard feelings. She still likes Jacy's mother because she knows one is no happier than the other. In one scene, the waitress tells Sonny her life would have been better had she and her husband succeeded. But we know she doesn't really believe it. She knows no one in that town is better off than anyone else.

They're all lost.

MOVIES MOVIES MOVIES

Evil Dead saga continued in new movie

By Noel Reucroft
Staff Writer

Roger Ebert wrote that *Army of Darkness* "seems aimed at an audience of 14-year-olds." That brilliant line is comparable to someone saying that Ren and Stimpy is for 10-year-old kids with wacky nothing but cartoons.

Sorry Roger, *Army of Darkness* is an enjoyable flick to view regardless of age. Directed by Sam Raimi (*Darkman*), *Army of Darkness* is actually *Evil Dead III* (wrong again Mr. Ebert), the third installment of the cult classic *Evil Dead* movies.

Our favorite *Evil Dead* hero, Ash (Bruce Campbell), is mysteriously dumped into the Dark Ages. He discovers that the only way to get back to present time is by using the "Book of the Dead" that has graced previous *Evil Dead* films. To add to his problem, Ash accidentally raises an army of the dead and has to fight the evil skeletons

with a makeshift army of fellow Dark Age dwellers.

Everything about *Army of Darkness* is perfect. There is plenty of violence, but in a inspired Three Stooges way that makes the audience wince, laugh and groan at the same time. Unlike, say, *ANY* of the lousy *Hellraiser* movies, *Army of Darkness* doesn't take itself seriously and has a lot of fun while still packing a punch that rivals any recent horror film. The dizzily brilliant camera work and special effects are state of the art, making *Army of Darkness* a joy to watch.

Speaking of joy, *Army of Darkness* is also hilarious without destroying any of the atmospheric horror. Ash delivers the funniest lines with a humorous style that is as catchy as any "Saturday Night Live" catchphrase. Watching Ash adapt to his primitive surroundings while showing the Dark Age dwellers who's boss is classic.

As Ebert suggested, *Army of Darkness* has a certain gothic quality that would appeal to teenagers, but there is much more to the highly original film. Since *Evil Dead* was basically a low-LOW budget student film, Raimi has come a long way. The way that *Army of Darkness* was shot is original and the 100 mph action that does not let up throughout the whole film was effectively dead with.

Incidentally, *Army of Darkness* almost didn't get released due to greedy, corporate movie-makers who are more interested in releasing the upcoming *Silence of the Lambs* instead of a brilliant film like *Army of Darkness*.

Go see *Army of Darkness*! With this being Oscar season, support a movie that laughs at the notion of the money-grubbing, nepotistic Oscars. Also, look for the bizarre cameo appearance by Bridget Fonda. Why Bridget Fonda? Who knows.

BOOKS

Suspenseful novel leaves readers 'breathless'

By Pam Logue Spradling
Contributing Writer

Calindrome is one of those rare novels that leaves even the most avid reader breathless at its nearly mystic quality and surprise ending.

Stuart Woods carries on with the same type of suspense and reality he displayed in *Under the Lake*, *Deep Lie* and *White Cargo*.

The book carries the reader to a beautiful island off the coast of

Georgia as photographer Liz Barwick seeks escape from a violent relationship with her pro football player husband. On the island, Liz moves on to a new life as she meets Hamish and Keir Drummond, the twin grandsons of the island's patriarch. The twins prove to be true opposites and each comes to play an important, yet often disturbing role in Stuart Woods' return to a tranquil life. However, the tranquility is abruptly disturbed as

several murders take place on the island.

The book leaves the reader hanging by a thread of suspense and you will have to catch your breath when the thread is finally broken by the climax.

The depth of characters in the smallest detail is in true Stuart Woods style. This book leaves us waiting for another of Woods' "believable fantasies."

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CAMPUS LIFE



Photo by Scott Henson

Contestants Stephanie Vereen, Angie Koen and Michelle Nelson, from left to right, answer questions asked by emcee Rhonda Willis, standing, in "Night Games," Tuesday, Feb. 16. "Night Games" was one of many Alpha Kappa Alpha/Alpha Phi Alpha sponsored Black History Month activities.

Contest for MSU writers, poets, artists

Inscape, Morehead State University's student literary and arts magazine, is now accepting submissions of poetry, fiction and black and white art. Prizes of \$50 and \$25 will be awarded, respectively, to first and second place winners in each category. The contest is open to all MSU students.

Winners and finalists will be announced at The Fine Arts Showcase April 22 and will be published in next semester's *Inscape*.

The deadline for the writing contest is noon Wednesday, March 24. Submission requirements can be picked up in 103 Commons.

Artists interested in submitting work should contact Robert Franzini at 783-2731, -2766 or LPO 981.

For more information contact *Inscape* faculty advisor Michelle Boisseau at 783-2201, -2185 or LPO 779.

This Week's Activities

Wednesday, February 24

Black History Month: "The Image of Blacks in the Movies," Crager Room, 7 p.m.

Thursday, February 25

Videconference: "Adults as Students: Their Status and Role in Higher Education," Eagle Dining Room, Noon-2 p.m.

Videconference: "Competing in the '90s: Modernizing Kentucky's Economy," Eagle Dining Room, 4-6 p.m.

Basketball: Lady Eagles vs. Virginia Tech, AAC, 7:30.

Friday, February 26

ACU-Regional Tournament, at University of Tennessee, through Feb. 28.

Saturday, February 27

Continuing Education Program: "Basic Cardiac Life Support," 237. A Reed Hall, 8:30 a.m.

Family Movie: "Great Mouse Detective," Breckinridge, 1 p.m.

Basketball: Eagles at Western Kentucky, 1 p.m.

Sunday, February 28

Basketball: Eagles at Western Kentucky, 2 p.m.

Monday, March 1

Basketball: Lady Eagles at Tennessee-Martin, 5:15; Eagles at Tennessee-Martin, 8:30.

AIM: Nicholas Rodrigues & Dance Compass, Buson, 8 p.m.



"Volpone" full of laughs, romps, action

By Laurie Silver
Contributing Writer

They come to pay their respects bearing golden tokens of friendship and esteem...small investments in their futures. They come offering comfort, friendship and solace. He needs them now because he's dying or is he?

"Volpone" is a bawdy, rollicking farce, a high-spirited romp in which chicanery and duplicity are the orders of the day. Everyone wants what Volpone has and everyone indulges him with pricey gifts, hoping to make the "A" list come inheritance time.

Volpone is a devious manipulator who thoroughly relishes cooing presents from the greedy hordes who salivate over his fortune. He is a sociopath with a funny bone, gleefully fleecing all who think they're coming him.

Volpone is assisted by his toady, Mosca, who is every bit the miscreant his boss is. For sport as much as for gain, they manage to convince a number of Venice's more disreputable characters that Volpone is near death and that they might profit from his demise by making an investment. They play people off one another and together Volpone and Mosca relish every ill gotten gain. The audience can't help but enjoy the evil delight Volpone and Mosca take in hoaxing the hungry legacy hunters. Deceit follows deceit, hysteria ensues.

"Volpone," by Ben Johnson, is Morehead State University's most recent theatrical production. From the moment the lights rose until the final line, the audience was bombarded with all manner of comical escapades.

As the play opened, the cast literally burst upon the set in a startling, high energy pantomime of frantic ministrations to the "invalid" Volpone.

Throughout the play, the action continued at a rapid pace and set changes were conducted in the same clever fashion-the audience was entertained with pantomimed interactions between crew members.

There were dizzying romps across the stage and over furniture by the nimble Mosca and the tiny set with its space props was enlivened by the ways the characters traversed it. This was theatre in the round, effectively done and completely engaging the audience.

The ensemble worked well together led by Henry Dowell as Volpone. Especially good were Larry Coy as the hyperactive Mosca and James Phillips as the ancient and delightfully spry Corbaccio.

Danny Stockton's jellous Mafioso was at moments uproarious and Kristie Hicks sizzled as the sultry sophisticated Canina. Hicks' was the most understated performance in a cast from whom theatrical excess was required.

The characters lacked substance, but that didn't matter much because they were written for humor. Each is a caricature-skinflint, harlot, Mafioso, toady-and as such, each actor did an effective job.

The courtroom scene, with a Venetian police captain sporting a thick Southern drawl, drew howls of laughter from the audience.

The bulk of the play was supported by physical comedy-there were numerous sight gags and prat falls orchestrated under the clever

direction of Dr. Travis Preston Lockhart. Neither the action nor the laughs stopped, right up to the surprise ending.

The only sour note in the production related to difficulties inherent in staging such a high energy work in such a small space. The male actors delivered their lines at ear-splitting volume much of the time with accompanying quantities of flying saliva. Those of us seated closest to the stage did get sprinkled a bit and although good actors do project, the decibel level was a trifle extreme.

These minor excesses aside, the cast delivered their lines with admirable energy and enthusiasm and Volpone was thoroughly entertaining.



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SPORTS

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Williams scores big in victory Eagles capture win over MTSU at home

By Todd Wilson
Sports Editor

The Morehead State Eagles split the latest weekend session by defeating the Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders while falling to the Golden Eagles of Tennessee Tech.

Morehead State 81

Middle Tennessee State 59

The crowd at Johnson Arena got the best performance of the Eagles on Saturday night as MSU battled the Blue Raiders of MTSU.

The Eagles started the game rolling. Johnnie Williams started off with a jumper from the foul line giving MSU the early 2-0 lead. A three-pointer by Kelly Wells and a tip-in by John Brannen increased the margin to seven. Middle's Warren Kidd gave the Raiders their first points with a tip-in at the 17:01 mark. A basket from the left baseline by senior Doug Benz gave the Eagles a 9-2 advantage at the 16:24 mark.

After a dry spell from both schools, Williams fired a three-pointer to put the lead at ten points. Benz and MTSU's David Clark then traded baskets before another three-pointer entered the Morehead basket, this time by J. J. Hyton. Marty Cline followed with a two-pointer, making the score 19-4 in favor of Morehead State. MSU's

dominance continued throughout the half, holding the Raiders to only eight points in the first 17 minutes of the half. At the 2:27 mark, Chad Wampler put MTSU in double digits, 36-10 with a straight away jumper. The Blue Raiders ended the half with a 9-3 spurt, cutting the lead to 22-19-17.

In the second half, Middle Tennessee began to fight back. Kidd hit the second of two free throws to start the half. Brannen then followed with a three pointer to make the score 42-18. Kidd's short jumper and a three-point basket by Raymond Davis cut the lead to 19, 42-23. The lead gradually dwindled to 13, 54-41, with ten minutes left to play. A Williams trey put the lead back to 16. Baskets were traded before a Davis three-pointer decreased the advantage to 12, 60-48, with 5:29 showing on the clock. MSU's 75 percent free throw shooting allowed them to pull away from the surging Raiders. At the 1:21 mark, all hopes for MTSU were lost when lead coach David Farrar was assessed two technical fouls and was ejected from the game. Cline hit his fourth free throw to put the Eagles up by 21, 79-58. A free throw by Milton Deane and a layup by Newt McGee ended the game with the Eagles collecting the

victory 81-59.

"We did a good job matching up. The match up has been very effective for us," said head coach Dick Pick. "We don't hold many teams to 17 in a half."

Johnnie Williams led the Eagle attack with 22 points which included three-for-four from the three-point arc and nine-for-ten free throws, and ten rebounds. John Brannen had 14 points. Marty Cline and J. J. Hyton each added 12 points.

Tennessee Tech 101

Morehead State 96

In an emotional senior day at Johnson Arena, the Eagles lost a heartbreaker to the Golden Eagles of Tennessee Tech.

The start of the game went Morehead's way as Johnnie Williams canned a three-pointer off the tip to give MSU the early lead. Doug Benz, in his last home appearance, scored from the right baseline to put the Eagles up 5-0. TTTU's John Best gave the Golden Eagles their first basket with a short hoop underneath. Benz and Williams scored again to put the Eagles on top by seven. Maurice Houston and John Brannen then traded three-pointers. After Best hit another short layup, Benz hit a three-pointer, his fourth of the season. A trey by Robert West and another Best basket cut the MSU lead to three, 15-12, with 15:07 in the half. The Eagles were able to build back an eight point lead, 37-25, at the 10:25 mark, but a 12-0 Tech run gave the Golden Eagles their first lead of the game with 8:35 on the clock. Two straight baskets by Doug Benz tied the score at 37-37. Six straight points by Tech were erased by a three-pointer by John Brannen and a Benz layup. Best hit two free throws to put the Golden Eagle lead back to three. Brannen and Wade Wester then traded buckets. Marty Cline then bombed a three to tie the score at 47-47 with under two minutes to go in the half. Wester and Houston ended the first half scoring with a 51-47 Tennessee Tech lead.

The second half showed the wills

of both teams. Best increased the Golden Eagle lead to six with a jumper from the right side. However, a three by J. J. Hyton

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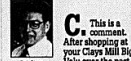


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Doug Benz, a senior from Marietta, Ohio, was honored Monday night in his final game at Johnson Arena. Benz was joined by his parents, Richard and Elizabeth Benz. Benz currently ranks twelfth on MSU's all-time scoring list with 1,371 points.

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